

New Bedford Nov 19. 1837.

My dear Anne

However strange you may think it, the reason why I have not written before, is because I have not had any time. I am glad that I am not going to be here any longer, for boarding in such a place as this has a tendency to make one ^{very} dissipated. Now strange ministers coming every saturday night into whose spiritual state I am moved to inquire, fruitless endeavours to keep the abolitionists in the house in the right way, & my visiting, school affairs, & the cold school you must think take up no small part of my time. Well I can shine through that I am getting along very well in my arithmetic & my school goes on beautifully. Last sunday Frederick J. Gray was here to preach & I had considerable talk with him up on the state of the city, but he most carefully eschewed abolition. When I am in Boston I am to go over to Pitt street to visit his sunday school. He seems to be a very good young man, sober & devoted to his

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forbear it.

business as city missionary. Sunday before ~~that~~ Mr Ellis
was here & I wrote a few lines to Maria by him
He has just returned from Washington very much
disgusted with slavery in the concrete (that is the
word opposed to abstract, is it not?), but his principles want
rectifying. He spoke about that sermon ^{of his} which Henry
& I heard, & went on to say how Mrs Sewall, so alderman
Greene told him, called it a slaveholding sermon & had
been said too that he preached it to suit the occasion,
but it was no such thing, he did not know that there
was any occasion, & he felt bad that he should have
been so misunderstood. As he seemed anxious to find
out what we thought about it, I gave him to perceive
that we put the same interpretation upon it that
Mrs Sewall did. I really liked the young man, for
there did not seem to be the least malice or harm
in him, & he behaved with the greatest sobriety.

He did not seem to understand his own sermon in
the least. Sat. day afternoon, a fortnight since Mrs
Pritchard drove me ^{over} to Padonaram about 4 miles off
to spend the afternoon with Mrs Bailey & a Mrs Rider
two thorough going sisters, & the only ones almost
in the place. I was received with the greatest
hospitality, & have not seen such stout-hearted
abolitionists this 3 months. Mr Hastings a merchant
from Boston too has been here 3 or 4 days, & him
I had to deal with. B. Gilbert Purfee of Fall River
is now here, & he is a brother beloved, a real brother
He is agent for raising money in Bristol county &

successes very well. Judge Shaw too is here, & Mrs Doubleday as usual told him that I was Mrs Chapman's sister & he has been pretty shy of me I can tell you ever since, though he has made a number of enquiries about me & my concerns.

Tell Maria that the little child of Henry Bright which Mrs Robinson brought here is doing very well & is nearly recovered from a very bad cold which it had. The Dr. B. ladies are going to do every thing they can for her. The child is contented & happy. Tell this to Mrs Robinson. Next Saturday I shall be at home probably in the early evs, the thoughts of it almost stops my breath. How long it seems since I was in Boston I can hardly believe that I shant see Ann Chapman there. Every thing is just as it was at this time last year except that she is gone. The feeling that I had the day after her funeral comes back in all its freshness; the whole story of her death seems like dream & as if I must see her

Is Aunt Mary in town now, if she is be sure to keep her till after I come. I wish you would write immediately so that I may hear once more before coming home. Wednesday night at farthest. I shall be much disappointed if I do not. I shall most probably come in the early evs Saturday which get in between 10 & 12. Probably Abby Orgood & Mr Ford will be with me so if you want to see the young man just step to the

door. Be sure to write & tell me how the report
gets on. Wednesday night I shall certainly have
a letter. Love to all. The elections have made a
great fuss down here & all I hope is that the
abolitionists have not acted ~~so~~ ^{had} every where
as here. but I suppose they have. Garrison does
wonder to blame the abolitionists for not
voting for A. Everett; I would not if I were
they.

Miss Anne W. Weston.

Boston.

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For 19th Dec 1837

Sharon Weston

send Abby's letters to the office as soon
as possible.

Tell Emma & Emma if they come out to meet me at
the door they must be looking nice, for Abby has quite a
high opinion of them now. I should be sorry to have ~~them~~

Ms. A. 9. 2. 9. 88

At a special meeting of the Board of the
Mass. A. S. Socy, Nov. 15, 1837.

Voted, That the Treasurer be authorized
to settle with Mr Knapp for printing the
Liberator to the expiration of the year 1837, and
to give his acceptances for the amt due,
payable when in funds.

Copy, from the records.

J. Knapp

Copy of a vote of
the Mass. A. S. Soc
relating authorizing
Treasurer issuing
Receipts —